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OPENING SERVICE.

Precisely at the hour, the S O takes the chair, and with one rap of the gavel secures order.

S O: Sisters* and Brothers, it is the hour of our evening watch. Brother Messenger, is the entrance to our hall secure?

M. (*Attends to that duty.*) It is, Worthy Senior.

S O. Are all present Watchmen?

M (*Examines with care.*)

If needed, the A M will assist the M, and they must demand the password of all present, and report any without it.

M. They are all correct, Worthy Senior.

S O. Brother M will report if any offices are vacant.

Vacancies filled by the chair.

S O. The Messenger will see that none enter without the password unless by permission from the chair. Admit no one during the opening, initiatory or closing services.

Sisters and Brothers, a kind Providence permits us to meet again for counsel and labor. The cup of trembling and sorrow is still forced upon wretched families. The liquor traffic yet ensnares those who would shelter, sustain and defend their households. Will you share this night in the counsels and efforts necessary for their relief, and for the advancement of TEMPERANCE, HUMANITY and PROGRESS?

All respond AYE.

S O calls up for singing, prayer, and announcement of opening.

S O. Let us then unite in our evening song, and seek Divine Wisdom.

Devotional services may be varied, Singing may be followed by reading the Scriptures or prayer, or by either, at the discretion of the Chaplain.

S O. I now declare this Club duly open for the work before us. Let us exchange our salutations.

Opening—closing—all giving them together and with accuracy. Club seated by gavel.

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*The word *sister* to be used or omitted throughout the services, at the discretion of the S O, as circumstances may require.

ABRIDGED FORM OF OPENING.

S O takes the chair and calls to order.

Bro. M, it is the hour of our evening watch. You will please see the members in order and the door secure.

M. Sisters and Brothers, you will please respond to the gavel, and be in order for our evening watch.

After examination by the M and A M—

We are in order, Worthy Senior.

S O. Let us seek Divine Wisdom.

Calls up for Prayer and Song.

Services of Chaplain—Song.

S O. With gratitude for past favors, let us accept the guidance of a kind Providence, and press on for nobler triumphs in the cause of TEMPERANCE, HUMANITY and PROGRESS. I declare this Club open for business, omitting usual ceremonies.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Initiation,
2. Reading Record—approving or amending the same.
3. The usual questions by the S O. Is any brother sick? Is there any report from the Committee on Sickness? Has any brother violated his pledge? Does any brother know of such violation? Will any brother propose a friend for membership?
4. Business on the Record attended to in order.
5. Report of Investigating Committee.
6. Balloting for Candidates.
7. Deferred and Miscellaneous business.
8. Has any brother a word of counsel or anything to offer for the benefit of this Club, or the interests of our Order?
9. Payment of Assessments.
10. Closing ceremonies.

INITIATION.

S O. Brother M, are any strangers in waiting to join our order?

M. Your enquiry shall be answered, Worthy Senior.

The A M retires to the ante-room, receives the names and the Initiation fee of the candidates, instructs them to answer questions as the Messenger shall answer for them, leads them to the door, and gives the entering signal. The door or wicket is opened slightly by the Messenger.

M. Bro. A M, whom have you?

A M. Strangers desiring to become Watchmen.

Hand their names to the M.

M. Worthy Senior, there are strangers at the door, desiring to become Watchmen. Their names are———

S O. Admit them with a Watchman's welcome.

M. We bid the strangers welcome.

As they enter, the S O CALLS UP, and all stand in profound silence or unite in a song of welcome, while the candidates in file follow the M once around the Hall, and are then arranged in front of the S O.

M. These friends desire to become Watchmen. They have been duly elected, and with pleasure I present them for instruction in our work and symbols.

S O. They are welcome, and shall be instructed.

CALLS DOWN, and rises.

S O. Do you desire to aid in advancing the cause of Temperance, Humanity and Progress?

[*M answers with candidates*] I Do.

S O. Is it your voluntary offering and your honest desire to join this circle of Temperance Watchmen, and share our cares and counsels?

[*All.*] It is.

S O. Do you willingly pledge your sacred word and honor, to keep forever inviolably secret our signs, tokens, and passwords, and also such sayings and doings as you may witness in their club room, as are confined to the private affairs of this club, or of the Order in general."

I do.

S O. Will you take our solemn pledge to abstain from the improper use of intoxicating liquors during your connection with this Order?

I will.

S O Calls Up.

Please lay your right hand upon your heart, as a pledge of fidelity, and receive our solemn pledge.

PLEDGE.

Do you solemnly promise, on you sacred word and honor, without any qualification or mental reservation, that you will not use any alcoholic or intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and that you will use your best endeavors to discourage the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic and intoxicating beverages during your connection with this Order?

Answer—I Do.

S O Calls Down.

Sisters and brothers, you are now of our number. We greet you as brothers. I give you the hand of a brother, and with it the grip of a Watchman. [*Gives it.*] You are to use it with caution, and only as a means of proving a brother, or returning his fraternal salutation. It is one of the means of protection and recognition, outside of these walls, and should never be given, except for a useful purpose. We have other safeguards, which, in due time, may be imparted. Our brother M will now conduct you to the Secretary, that you may enrol your name with ours. He will then introduce you to the Junior Observer, and to the worthy Chaplain. You will then return for further instructions in our principles and language.

After enrolling their names, they are thus addressed—

R S. Sisters and Brothers, again we welcome you, and now hold you with a threefold cord:

1, Your solemn Pledge;

2, The grip of a Watchman;

3, Your voluntary Signature.

"A three-fold cord is not easily broken." You are now to pass to our worthy Junior Observer, for his instruction.

M. W J O, these sisters and brothers await your pleasure and instruction.

J O. I will receive them with a brother's grip.

Receives the grip from each, and instructs them if wrong.

The grip is right. Let its integrity be kept above suspicion. Never let this right hand lift the intoxicating cup to your own lips or the lips of a human being. Never let it grasp the unhallowed gains of the liquor traffic, never wrong a brother, nor injure a fellow mortal. Be it ever open to relieve the suffering and aid the cause of humanity.

I will now give the entering and retiring salutations.—When admitted to the club room by the Messenger, you will pass to the centre of the room, face the Junior Observer, and give him this salutation———. If given correctly, he will answer it by a slight bow. When retiring while the Club is open you will give the sign of secresy———. You will now observe the M, and imitate him in giving salutations.

The Messenger first gives the entering salutation and steps to the right, then one after another they give the same. The Messenger then gives the retiring salutation, and retreats two steps. The others do the same, securing accuracy.

J O. Brother M will now introduce you to our worthy Chaplain.

M. Worthy Chaplain, these sisters and brothers desire your counsel in commencing the life of Watchmen.

C. Sisters and brothers, the cause to which you are now pledged is a worthy one. You are now to watch for instruction in the path of duty, and for opportunity to do good. Endeavor to qualify yourselves for intelligent, manly action. Honesty and sincerity of purpose should control your conduct. Deeply sympathize with those whom intemperance has made children of sorrow. Summon all your powers to shield them, and stay the deluge of woe which the liquor traffic pours upon their defenceless heads. You are entering a wide field of instruction, which it will be our aim to make familiar. Our first duty is to become workmen as well as Watchmen.

You will labor that you may be instructed. You will receive instruction that you may labor with success. Prove yourselves workmen needing not to be ashamed. Remember an unslumbering eye watches the conflict, and every individual will be rewarded according to his work. The symbols of our order are significant, and should be often pondered. Will you give with me the entering salutation? You notice that it has three parts. In entering the circle of Watchmen, as you

give the sign (1) to the J O, you say distinctly, "My heart is still true in the cause of *Temperance*, it sympathizes with suffering *Humanity*, and desires *Progress* in every good work." (2) You thus declare "These lips have kept silence, in accordance with my solemn pledge. The intoxicating cup hath not touched them. Falsehood, impurity, or deception, as regards my solemn pledge, hath not polluted them." (3) You thus appeal to a higher Power to witness your sincerity. You implore the watchful eye of Omniscience to guard your way, and his power to protect you in the hour of temptation and danger. In the retiring salutation, you deliberately pledge fidelity till we meet again.

Our Messenger will now conduct you to the Worthy Senior for further instruction.

M. Worthy Senior, these sisters and brothers have enrolled their names as Watchmen, and received the instructions of the J O and the C. They now ask your further counsel.

S O. Will the sisters and brothers give me the entering and retiring salutations? [*Given.*]

The salutations are correct. Let their impressive lesson abide with you, and control your conduct through life.

Your interest in this cause, and your perseverance and progress thus far demand our confidence.

You have now, we trust, the spirit and the purpose of Watchmen, but you still need the key of entrance to our halls. Our key of entrance has three parts. You will notice that our order is founded on three cardinal principles—Temperance, Humanity and Progress; and the number three, sometimes regarded as a sacred number, is constantly interwoven in our symbols, and may aid in their use.

The key of entrance has

1, Three distinct raps at the door, thus—one, two, three—corresponding with our three cardinal principles;

2, The pass word, to be given to the M at the door;

3, The salutation, to be given to the J O, which you already have.

The password I now give you, on the express condition that you will give it only to the M or A M at the door before entering, or on examination in the hall, or to the Senior Observer, and only in a low breath.

Gives it in writing—consumes it when returned.

This paper, with the Password, I consign to the flames,

instructing you that it has no longer existence, save in faithful memories and true hearts. You are not to write it, or give it by sign or symbol, except in the hall or at the door, and only to the Messenger or S O. If you lose it you can receive it only from the S O or by his direction. No member has a right to give or receive it otherwise.

I greet you as Watchmen, as sisters and brothers, and proclaim you members of the Club No.—— of Temperance Watchmen, for the Province of Nova Scotia. Let your life and labors prove you worthy of our confidence, and of the cause you have espoused.

Our M will now invest you with the appropriate emblems of the order, and show you a seat.

M. With pleasure I present you this badge of our order. Its three distinguishing features, the white, the blue, and the red, are the emblems of our leading principles. The three letters, which denote Temperance, Humanity and Progress, may also indicate Truth, Harmony, and Perseverance, as watchwords in our future course. [*Conducts to seat.*]

The addresses of the C and S O may be made shorter, by omitting a part if they think proper.

CLOSING CEREMONY.

CHAIN OF BROTHERHOOD.

S O. Sisters and Brothers, the hour of rest approaches, and summons us away. Shall we form an endless Chain of Brotherhood, and thus close our evening watch?

Messenger arrays the new made members in front of the S O's desk facing the J O. S O takes his place on their right, and the P S O on their left. The circle is then formed with the Chaplain in the centre, facing the new made member All cross hands, joining right and left, locking hands, and giving the Watch Grip.

C. This endless chain, the type of our fraternity,* is

* When there has been no initiation, the following clause may be used instead of the above—"Is not extended to-night by additional links. We will hope that it may be soon extended, and that we may continue to add strength and permanency to our circle," &c.

extended to-night by additional links. We will hope that they may add strength and permanency to our circle, giving and receiving joy and hope and patience in the work assigned us. May we meet again at our appointed watch with fraternal sympathies, and with rich experience of divine favor, as we now commit ourselves (and these new made brothers) to the watchful care of our Heavenly Father.

S O. Sisters and brothers, we separate for a little season. Night and silence invite us to rest from our labors, and gain new life and strength for future conflicts. Let us be watchful till we meet again, that nothing shall disturb our harmony or unfit us for our place in this endless chain. I declare this Club duly closed till our next regular communication, unless summoned earlier by the Watchman's call.

Remember your solemn pledge. Be faithful until death.

ABRIDGED CLOSING CEREMONY.

S O. Sisters and brothers, our evening work is done.—Shall our evening watch now close?

[*All respond*]—AYE.

Let us then maintain our sacred principles, and the pledges we have made to honor and maintain them. Darkness and silence invite us to rest from labor now, that we may work with more wisdom and success, when light and duty call us to new conflicts with the foe we have to conquer. I declare this Club duly closed.

INSTITUTION.

The Delegation appointed to institute a new Club having arrived and assembled in the Hall with the petitioners, and as many others as receive the unanimous consent of the petitioners present, the Pro. S O, his deputy, or the brother appointed to act as S O, shall take the chair, call to order, and say,

Gentlemen, I have the pleasure to announce to you that your petition for power to organize a Club in this place has been granted by the Prov. Club, and by the authority of that Club we now appear before you, for the purpose of performing the necessary ceremonies. Are you ready to proceed?

[*The petitioners answer*] We are.

S O. You will then please to retire for a few moments, while we make preparations to receive you.

The petitioners having retired, the Brothers will immediately make the necessary preparation, by filling the offices. If there should not be a sufficient number present to fill all the offices, one brother may fill two or more. The Club will now be opened, and they will proceed to initiate the petitioners in due form.

The initiation ceremony having been concluded, the S O will say,

Brothers, you are now at liberty to proceed to the election of your officers. Be careful to select such as will serve you faithfully.

The officers having been elected, the S O will proceed to install them in due form. The installation ceremony having been completed, the S O will CALL UP the Club, and the Delegate S O will say—

Sisters and brothers, the ceremonies of institution are now complete, and by the authority of Prov. Club, Temperance Watchmen, I now declare ——— Temperance Watchmen Club No. — duly organized, with full powers to perform all the rites and ceremonies of the Brotherhood of Temperance Watchmen, subordinate to the Prov. Club.

You have now in your posssesion the *means* of doing much good, and restraining much evil; but these means will be powerless unless well and wisely used. Labor, therefore, in your new vocation—carefully, untiringly, and earnestly labor. See to it, that none enter here in whom you cannot place implicit confidence. Remember that all here are brothers; therefore, keep sacredly the trusts which you repose in each

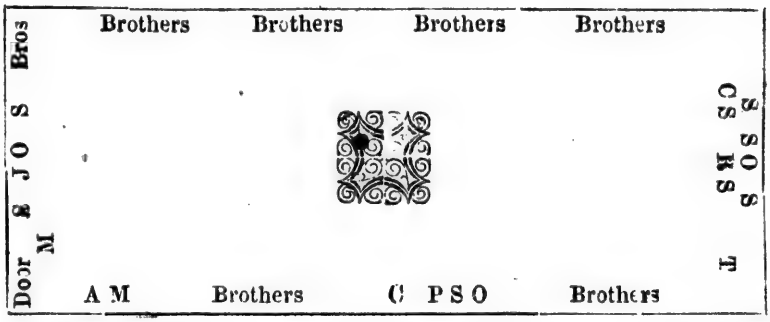
other. Forgiveness, however, is a divine virtue, and there are few who do not at times need it. Let nothing influence your conduct while in this hall except love for the cause of Temperance. Bear it ever in mind that the drinker may be reclaimed by kindness, and the vender may be forced by the law to abandon his diabolical trade. Forgetting not that prayer is often made for the success of this cause, and that an unslumbering eye watches your movements continually, live, love and labor, and victory shall eventually crown your endeavors.

Worthy Officers and Brothers, the duties for which we were delegated have been performed. Thanking you for your kindness and attention, we now take our leave.

The delegation will now arrange them elves in front of the S O's desk, and after giving him the salutation, it will be answered by all the officers and brothers. They will then retire, headed by the Marshall.

CALL UP.

The following is designed to give an idea of a Hall. The room may not always allow the officers being placed in these positions, particularly the M and A M. It is desirable, however, that it conforms as nearly as practicable :



There should be placed in the centre of every Hall a piece of oil-cloth, about one yard square. There should also be a small hole cut in the inside door, which should always be kept shut except when being used. The M and A M should be furnished with staves.

The S O and J O should, on the night of installation, appoint each two Supporters, to be called Right and Left Hand Supporters, whose duty it shall be to attend upon the S O and J O, to rise and be seated with them during the ceremonies.

The RITUALS shall be kept by the S O, who is responsible for them. They will be more carefully preserved by being kept in a suitable box. Each officer should be requested to COMMIT HIS PART TO MEMORY, and the S O may allow them to be taken for that purpose; but they must be returned, at the longest, within two weeks.

Before the close of each meeting, the M should collect all the private works, and deliver them to the S O.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
12	51	20	25	46	54	66	71	85	92	7	2	9

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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INSTALLATION.

Installation may take place on the evening of election, or on the first evening of the new term. The report of the Treasurer must be given before the election.

S O. Sisters and Brothers, the term of the present officers has expired, and others are elected to succeed them.

Sisters and Brothers, are you satisfied with the election you have made?

All respond—We are.

S O. Let the officers now be installed.

The S O selects a marshal.

Brother ———, will you act as marshal on this occasion?

P M. I will, Worthy Senior.

You will then receive from the officers their regalia and all documents and emblems of office, and they will vacate their seats.

M. Worthy Senior, the chairs of office are vacated.

S O. You will now see that the officers elect are divested of their regalia, and present them for installation, the Worthy S O on the right.

M. Worthy Senior, the officers elect wait your pleasure.

S O. Brothers, the choice of Watchmen has called you to assume important trusts. Weigh well the obligations you assume, and the duties you undertake. Be ever inspired with our cardinal principles—TEMPERANCE, HUMANITY, and PROGRESS.

Brother A M, you will prepare the part assigned you in the Opening and Initiatory service, aid the M in his labors, and in his absence perform all the duties of his office.

Bro. Messenger, you are intrusted with the care of the regalia, and all property of the Club not intrusted to others. You will discharge the duty assigned you in opening and closing and the service of Initiation. Guard well the door that none may enter or retire except in due form.

Bro. Treasurer, you will promptly collect all taxes assessed by the Club; pay all orders or demands sanctioned by the

Club, while there is money in the treasury. Be ready at any time to report the state of the finances, and at the close of your term render a full account of your stewardship.

Bro. Chaplain, you will be called to perform an important part in the services of opening and initiation. Be also ready to impress upon the minds of the brothers the important principles and the instructions appropriate to our order. May you prove thus a faithful Watchman.

Bro. C S, you are charged with the correspondence of the Club. Take care of all communications to and from the Club, and let all its interests be safe in your hands. You are also to assist the Recording Secretary, and in his absence perform the duties of his office.

Bro. R S, the records of this Club are confided to your care. Keep them safely, and let all the transactions of the Club be fairly recorded, so that you can at all times read them accurately at the call of the Club or of the Senior Observer. You will carefully preserve all books, papers, and other property committed to your care, and perform the part assigned you in the service of Initiation as a faithful Watchman.

Bro. J O, important duties are assigned you in the ceremonies, instructions, and government of this Order. You are at all times to assist the S O in his arduous duties, and to preside in his absence.

Bro. S O, you have the chief oversight, government and instructions of this Club, and its interests and prosperity are committed to your hands. The Opening, Closing, and Initiatory services are under your direction. You are to conduct the meetings of the Club according to parliamentary usages, preserve order, and maintain inviolate the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and to install your successor, and all other officers elected during your term of office. Should the Club fail to meet for the transaction of business for six months from the expiration of your term of office, you will promptly deliver up to the Provincial Club all the private books and documents in your charge. Let your fidelily and skill be manifest to all, and your administration be a model for your successors.

Worthy officers elect, I have briefly explained the duties and responsibilities of your respective stations. Will you undertake to discharge them in all fidelity? If so, you will each please to lay your right hand upon your heart, and receive the obligation.

CALLS UP the Club.

You do now, on your sacred honor, as men and as Temperance Watchmen, in the presence of these witnesses, pledge your fidelity and your best endeavors to the duties of your respective offices, as now explained to you, and as they may hereafter come to your knowledge during the term of your election. You engage that you will conform to the laws, rules and usages of the Order, so far as you may become acquainted with them, to attend punctually the meetings during the term, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable necessity, and to use your best exertions to promote the harmony and prosperity of the Order.

You further promise that you will not expose, or suffer to be exposed if in your power to prevent it, any of the private forms or ceremonies entrusted to your care; that you will not copy them, nor suffer any person to copy them; and that you will deliver up, at the close of your term, or sooner if called upon to do so, all books, papers, documents, keys, and other property belonging to this club in your possession, or under your control, to your successor in office, the Senior Observer, or any person appointed by the Club to receive them. If you will comply with this obligation, you will respond audibly, "I SO PROMISE AND ENGAGE."

S O CALLS DOWN.

S O. The Marshal will now invest the officers, except the S O, beginning with the A M, with their appropriate regalia and implements of office, and conduct them to their stations.

M. Worthy Senior, the officers are stationed.

S O. Worthy Senior [*advancing to the S O elect,*] you are called by the election of Brothers to preside over a brotherhood of Watchmen. Confiding in your skill and fidelity, it is with sincere pleasure that I commit to your hands these responsible trusts — these interests of our beloved Order,—and instal you S O of ——— Club, No. —, for the present quarter. Receive this badge of your office. Wear it. Be worthy of it. Let it receive no stain ere it passes to other hands. I present you, also, with the private books and instructions of your office. Understand well their import, and use them as a skilful overseer, a master workman.

Finally, I present you this gavel—the emblem of authority. Use it with firmness and impartiality, that its signals may be ever heard and obeyed.

One blow calls to order or seats the Club, if standing. Two raps calls up the officers—one seats them. Three blows call up the whole Club.

The S O uses the gavel, as above, and while all are standing proceeds.

I will now conduct you to your chair. You will seat the Club, and assume at once the duties of your office.

The S O on taking his station will seat the Club—addresses the Brothers briefly, as he deems proper, and take his seat. The P S O being seated at his right, in the chair of the Right Supporter, will request the S O to call up the other officers, and will rise with them at the second blow.

P S O. Worthy Brothers, you are called to the offices you now hold by the choice of Watchmen. It is proof of their confidence and respect. Prove yourselves worthy. The honor and prosperity of the Order now repose in your hands. Fidelity and skill on your part will give strength, progress and prosperity to this Order; partiality, neglect, or indifference, would soon work its ruin.

By the love you bear the Order, I charge you, meet your responsibility as chosen guardians of the principles and interests of Watchmen. Be firm, patient, faithful, just, dignified. Let every word and action show your sincerity and devotion to the principles of Temperance, Humanity and Progress. Thus will you prove yourselves worthy to be chosen standard bearers of Temperance Watchmen.

Sisters and brothers of this Club, is it your pleasure that these officers now installed serve you during the present term? [*All answer.*]

IT IS OUR PLEASURE.

P S O. Will you honor and obey, support and assist them in their work? If so, rise in silence at (or without) the sound of the gavel.

All rise.

Brothers, this occasion marks a new epoch in our lives.—We here erect another way mark in our progress to eternity. Another milestone in the journey of life reminds us of its approaching end. Let us here renew our pledge of fidelity to each other and to our cherished principles, and gird ourselves for conflict with the common foe. Let us once more form an endless chain of brotherhood, and as we grasp the hands of Watchmen, unite with our worthy Chaplain in seeking divine direction, and consecrate our lives anew to the work before us.

Let us then unite in our song of consecration, and once more fling our banner to the breeze, bearing onward and aloft the standards, till its ample folds and inspiring watchwords shall float in triumph over a land redeemed. If faithful to our trust, Heaven will smile upon our efforts, and there will be joy in the presence of angels over repentant sinners, ransomed from the slavery of appetite and the dominion of sin. Future ages will rejoice in this age of deliverance.

The Brethren will here form the Endless Chain, crossing the arms in front of the body and joining hands, so that each can give the other mutually the Watchman's grip. Prayer will now be offered by the Chaplain. Hands will then be disjoined, and the song sung, while thus standing, or after returning to their seats, as the P S O may direct.—The pass word may then be given, and be disposed of as in initiation.

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